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OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

March 30, 1983

The Honorable John N. McMahon
Deputy Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. McMahon:

The health of U.S. advanced technology industries and their international competitive vigor are key issues in current economic and trade policy debates. In view of your involvement and leadership in matters of international trade and economic policy, I would like to invite you to join with us on April 13 for dinner and a preview discussion of the findings of a major report, "International Competition in Advanced Technology: Decisions for America." The report, which will be released at a press conference on April 14, is a consensus statement by a panel that includes distinguished former senior government officials, executives from high technology industry, and university presidents. The panel membership list is enclosed.

The National Academy of Sciences and National Academy of Engineering assembled the Panel on Advanced Technology Competition and the Industrialized Allies in late 1981. The panel's report, the result of fourteen months of deliberations, discusses the nature of advanced technology and its importance to the nation's economic and military security; describes the practices and policies of the U.S. government and private sector, as well as those of the major industrialized allies, and how these affect advanced technology capacity; and proposes a course of action for American policymakers.

Guests invited to the dinner on April 13 will include leaders from the Congress and Executive Branch, as well as private sector executives. The program will begin at

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6:30 p.m. with cocktails in the Rotunda of the National Academy of Sciences. Dinner is at 7:00 p.m. in the Lecture Room followed by the panel's briefing. The floor will then be open to questions and comments. The evening will conclude no later than 9:30 p.m.

We hope that you will be able to join us on the evening of April 13 for the discussion of the complex issues associated with international competition in advanced technology. Please call [redacted] to confirm your attendance.

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Yours sincerely,

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Chairman